(b) Yes.

(c) and (d) There is at present no specific Government of India project or scheme for their rehabilitation in India. However some State Governments like Kerala (Department of NORKA) have welfare scheme for rehabilitation of returnee NRIs.

Superannuation age

456. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons working in Central Government Offices in the country;

(b) the present age of superannuation of Central Government employees;

(c) when the retirement age of Central Government employees was raised from 58 to 60 years;

(d) whether Government are aware that the enhancement of retirement age has only helped the employees to avail their accumulated leave at credit and not improved the output; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to restore the retirement age of Central Government employees to 58 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) The estimated number of Central Government civilian employees in the country as on 1st March, 2004 is 34.59 lakhs.

(b) Age of superannuation of the Central Government employees at present is 60 years.

(c) Age of retirement of Central Government employees was raised from 58 to 60 years on 13th May, 1998.

(d) No such adverse effect has come to the notice of the Government.

(e) No, Sir.